YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Museum

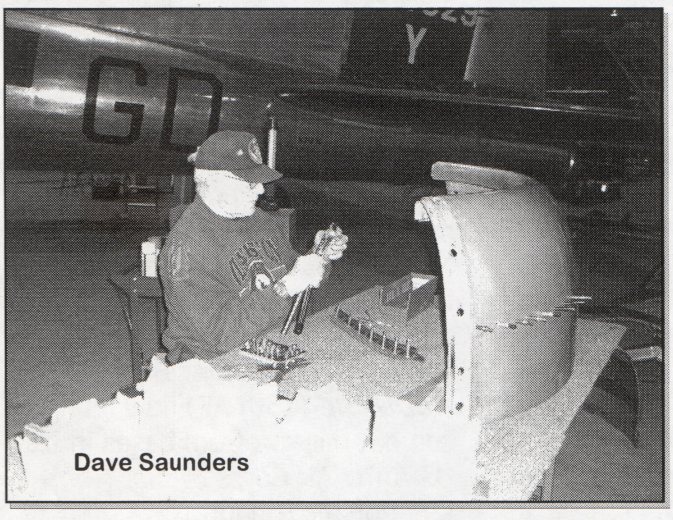
What's happening in and about the Yankee Air Museum

BOMBER BUFFING IS MARCH 31 **MARCH 2007**

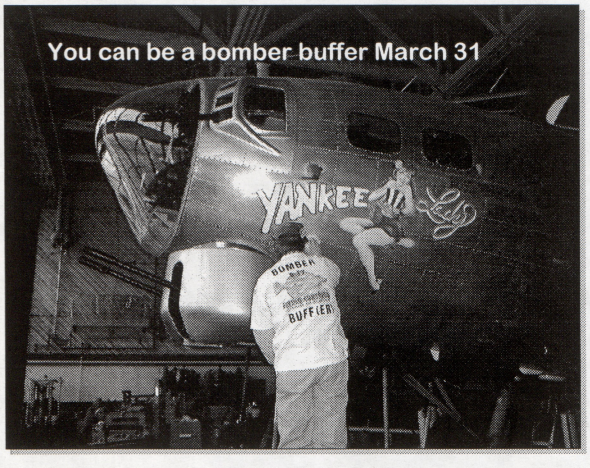
"YANKEE LADY" PASSES ANNUAL WITH FLYING COLORS

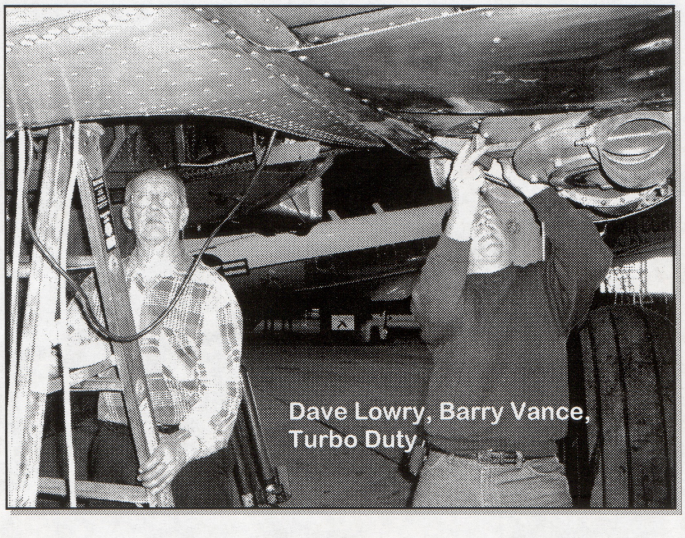
Bob Paul, B-17 / B-25 Crew

The "Yankee Lady" has been under-going her annual inspection, including the spar and spar bolt check. No major problems were found but many little maintenance items have been given some attention. The biggest part of this year's annual was the spar inspection. The aircraft was put on jacks, with extra support used as required. The bottom stress plates between engines 2 and 3 were removed, along with the fuel tanks. The required spar bolts were removed. The spars, bolts and bolt holes were then checked for cracks using the required procedures. Everything was found to be in excellent condition. During this time, **Barry Vance**, with the help of **Dave Lowry** and **Bob Paul**, took the opportunity to R & R #3 engine turbocharger for inspection and rebuild. **Ed Rice**, **Dan Doherty** and **Russ Banush** busied themselves with removing fairings, inspecting, cleaning and repairing sheet metal and oil cooler air duct work. The cheek gun glass has been removed and sent to Jack Roush to have new glass made. Joe Leugers has been removing the wood flooring and interior doors for sanding and refinishing with a new coat of spar varnish. **Dave Saunders** worked on the cowlings replacing rub strips and loose rivets. The Skunk Works once again performed their magic by cleaning, priming and painting all of the engine cowlings. Eat your heart out Macco. The carburetors are being removed one at a time and sent out for overhaul. Special thanks to crew members from the B-25 and C-47, **Rex Kanitz**, **Jim Rucker**, **Bob Gantz**, and **Ray Christiansen**, for supplying some extra muscle during the R&R of the fuel tanks. During the month of February, the new GPS, Garmin 530 radios will be installed by Preferred Avionics at Willow Run. Pilots **Jon Rule** and **Gene Wedekemper** also stopped by to lend a hand. Coordinating all of these efforts is the crew chief, **Norm Ellickson**. As you can see everyone has been busy getting the Lady ready for the up- coming flying season. The last item will be the Polishing Party on March 31 (see more page 5), where all of the YAF aircraft will receive that show and shine look for the 2007 season.



Dave Saunders





Dave Lowry, Barry Vance, Turbo Duty

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members and Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

2-3 March 1943	US and Australian planes decimate 16-ship Japanese convoy in ***Battle of Bismark Sea***, SW Pacific
3 March 1931	***Star Spangled Banner*** becomes US National Anthem
4 March 1966	F-4C Phantoms attacked by MiG-17 in first **air-to-air combat** over North Vietnam
4-9 March 1944	***Merrill's Marauders*** capture Walawbum, Burma
6 March 1943	***First flight*** of B-24ST (single tail), later evolved as the XB-24K
8 March 1991	First US troops return from ***Operation Desert Storm***
9-10 March 1945	334 B-29s of XXI Bomber Command hit Japanese cities in massive ***firebomb raids***
10 March 1943	***14th Air Force*** activated under command of Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault
18 March 1945	More than 1,200 bombers and 670 fighters raid Berlin with ***heaviest attack*** of the war
18 March 1954	Boeing produces first ***B-52A***
19 March 1944	***460th BG*** (15th AF) flew its first combat mission from bases in Italy
21 March 1941	US Army Air Corps 99th Pursuit Squadron ***Tuskegee Airmen*** activated

Bette Watson
won the January 50/50 raffle & two books were also given away
Steve Guenther won a copy of
An Eighth Air Force Combat Diary
by **John A. Clark**
Roger Sherman (rebuilding the Allison engine) won a copy of
***Dear Mother and Daddy*:**
World War II Letters Home from a WASP
Marie Mountain Clark

Both books are for sale in the Museum Store

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The President's Corner

Dick Stewart

HONORING AVIATION HISTORY AND ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH A LIVING, FLYING MUSEUM

Bernie Hallman has passed away. He has gone to the "Big Hangar in the Sky" and I'm sure by now he has the membership department under control. Our Dear friend and 23 year member of the Yankee Air Museum will be missed. If you ever had any type of membership issue, you could always count on Bernie to help find an answer. His humor, emails and even a practical joke here and there will be greatly missed. His desk is cleaned, his airplanes gone but Bernie will remain in our hearts forever.

Management Retreat – Identified priorities for 2007

- Maintenance and further development of our Web presence
- Succession planning – The reality of our aircraft DEMANDS that we attract volunteers who carry on the legacy of maintaining our most distinctive assets.
- Membership – Our goal is to reach 3500 by the end of 2007
- Thunder Over Michigan – This show is huge commitment but with your dedicated volunteer efforts it will be a success, please VOLUNTEER now
- Fundraising – Our Development department is out to raise between $25,000 and $100,000 for 2007.
- Internal Communication and cooperation – provide written communication to other departments when a project or activity involves other groups. Don't ASSUME!

Development Department – Develop and cultivate relationships with our members, volunteers, supporters and community partners.

EMU Business - Organizational Structure Project – The team of Graduate Students has completed the initial summary of the organizational structure project. An executive summary has been delivered along with the supporting data. The next phase will be started soon.

YAM Business Plan – The first draft is completed. Mark Ernst is putting the finishing touches on our Business Plan. This will soon go to the board for approval.

Schoolhouse Project – The foundation is in place and curing. The schoolhouse is in preparation for the up coming move. The area around the schoolhouse is in the trenching process. There is some additional work necessary on the path the house will take to the east side.

Groundbreaking for the new campus will be April 16, 2007. Time to be determined. This will be an awesome event with flyovers and many distinguished guests from the corporate and political worlds.

As always, if you have any new ideas, comments, concerns or wish to be involved in any of the upcoming projects, please send an E-mail to me at dick.stewart@yankeeairmuseum.org

Restoration Department News by Lou Farkas

"Preserve rather than restore – Restore rather than replace"

Well another year has passed and it has been very good for the Restoration Group. Membership in Restoration has grown to 43 from a start of 15 last year. Total volunteer hours exceeded 6400.

We have five projects going in Hangar 2, and they are: Allison Engine, Ranger Engine, DC9 Simulator, 707 Simulator and, of course, the SPAD. By the time you read this the lumber for the SPAD should be in and work started. In addition, a glider is being built in T-Hangar A-10.

Having said that, I have to make an apology. Through a mix-up between the editor and me (my fault), the *Restoration Department News* for February did not make it into the February issue. The following is the complete article as it would have appeared last month. Thank you for your understanding.

As was mentioned at the General Membership Meeting (If you weren't there, you should attend. There's a lot of good information and a chance to win some money in the 50/50 that you can donate to Yankee Air Museum) the Link Trainers were moved into their new home. The move was made with the help of : **Henry Grudzien, Dwight (Koz) Koslowski, Ken Chapin, Bob Campbell** (Security), **Roger Peterson, Keith Jones** (hangar maintenance), **Chris Causley** (Living History), **Ernie Panizzoli** and new junior member **John Bradley** and, of course, Iron Man **Bob Pilz** was there. It seems that the door frame was an inch too narrow and had to be cut out – Thanks, Bob! Oh, **Bill Rodgers** was there to make sure the crew was doing it right. Speaking of crews, it was nice getting help from other departments to make the move.

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Great Lakes International Aviation Conference Feb 2-3

Yankee partnered with Michigan Aerospace Foundation and Wayne County Airport Authority to form a Willow Run Aviation Partners booth for this show. We talked to hundreds of people, ran out of membership applications and had a drawing for a FREE ride in the Yankee Warrior. We got many names from that, many of those folks asking for membership information and to be added to our email database (coming soon)

BOARD REPORT

17 January 2007
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call - Hanney (e)
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: Dec 20
General Counsel (closed session)
Technology Group Software purchase
Committees for 2007
President's Report
MAF Report
Division Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports
Board and All Members' Comments
Adjournment

General Counsel
Yankee General Counsel Michael Black briefed the Board on the situation with the Lapeer group in closed session.

Technology Group Software Purchase
Stewart made a proposal on behalf of **Tim Nickell** of the Tech Group to purchase software protection (anti-virus, spyware, addware etc.) to protect the Yankee computer system from web based attacks. Cost was $4900 for 48 months of protection. The purchase was approved after some discussion.

Committees for 2007
Committee appointments for 2007 were basically the same as for 2006
Divisions: **Walsh** - FL, **Steiner** - NE, **Hunter** – Saginaw, **Higgins** – Wurtsmith, **Worcester** – Willow Run
Executive Committee; Chair - **Bill Hanney**, members, **Medlock**, **Stewart**, **Stevens**, **Bracket**
By-laws: Chair – **Stevens**, members **Hunter**, **Speyer**, **Baker**, **Drews**
Finance: Chair – **Tom Matz**, members **Christiansen**, **Colwell**, Klima, **Hunter**
Election committee: all previous members will return, and they elect their own chair
Membership: Chair – **Jim Race**

President and VP Report
Great Lakes Aviation Conference Feb 2-3, Novi, MI: Yankee will collaborate with the airport authority et al as the "Willow Run Partners in Aviation" at this event, staffing several booths.
EMU study – the report submitted was sent back for further review and focus
EMU risk management – is complete and will be presented for Yankee review
VP Stevens reported that the Lapeer litigation is continuing which was covered by Michael Black in the closed session, and policy and procedures will be getting back to work after the holidays.

MAF (Michigan Aerospace Foundation)
Dennis Norton gave an extensive report about the very substantial progress MAF made in 2006 that continues in 2007.

An initial contribution to an endowment fund for the museum of $25K was made to the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. Participating in this fund also makes the endowment eligible for matching funds, and tax credits for those making contributions. In addition, some organizations will donate only to endowments. This endowment fund will become the operational funding for the new Yankee Air Museum. That is, once the buildings are put up there must be a mechanism in place to operate and maintain them.

Schoolhouse excavation is complete and the concrete poured. The ground-breaking held December 12th was attended by the major donor for this project, David Robertson. He and his wife Andrea donated $575K for the schoolhouse move and restoration. Mr. Robertson first approached Michigan Aerospace Foundation at the Great Lakes Aviation Conference.

April 16th will be the public ground-breaking for the new museum campus, the Schoolhouse, and restoration will begin. This will be a BIG DEAL, with many dignitaries and celebrities attending. The Yankee airplanes will make a flyover.

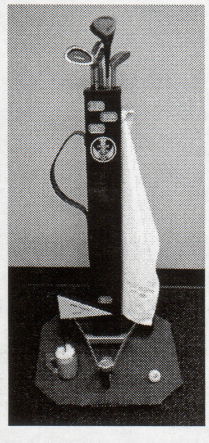
Here are some of the accomplishments and goals of the foundation
Up to and through 2006 about $300K was raised in small donations. With the launching of the major donor programs in 2006, MAF has now passed the $3 million mark in donations. The goal is to get to the $6.5 million mark in 2007.

Division Reports
Willow Run – annual odds and ends being completed, lots of activity in H-2 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Northeast – L-2 refurbishing is turning in a nearly total restoration after some corrosion was found, they will be at Redding.
Saginaw – **Dan Kenny** will have their L-2 at Thunder, they need an engine for their L-4, Aug 26 is their pancake breakfast.
Wurtsmith – no report
Florida – nothing new

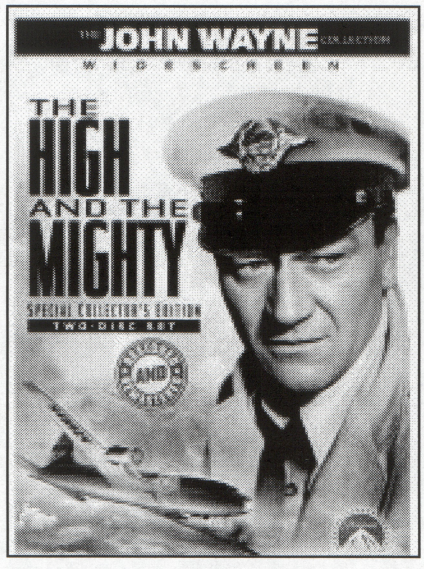
Secretary and Treasurer
Needs all information in by next meeting so the audit can be completed. Treasure Brackett reported that Yankee is doing well considering the time of year. A bit better than last year actually.

The Yankee Golf War is looking for a sponsor for the September event, just $200 to reserve the course, payable soon. Contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com.

Players on the winning team have their names immortalized on a dog tag affixed to the IRON BAG trophy made with steel from the old Hangar



Yankee Movie event
Saturday March 17th
4pm Matinee showing



Another John Wayne classic, hosted by event captain **Jane Spires**. Some sort of green colored refreshments may be on the menu for this Yankee movie event to commemorate St. Patrick's Day as we watch the movie. In addition, the scuttlebutt is that the Yankee Lady, in a previous life, makes a cameo appearance in this film. Green sweets too!

To buy tickets, use the form below
All tickets held at the door

This may be the last Yankee movie event until fall

To make reservations for this event, complete and mail this form with your check payable to:
Yankee Air Museum - Movie Night, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590
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Saturday
March 17
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Hangar 2

Name_____ Phone (___)_____

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To have tickets sent to you by mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope, otherwise they will be held at the door

Join YAM that night and $5 of your admission applies immediately to membership!

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM 12TH ANNUAL BOMBER BUFFING POLISHING PARTY HANGAR 2 - WILLOW RUN AIRPORT

Saturday, March 31st - doors open 9am
Bring plenty of clean soft towels and a can of **Mothers Mag & Aluminum Polish,** available in the automotive sections of most stores. This is a FREE event and the public is invited to help us make the planes shine for the coming flying season. You'll never get closer to a warbird than you will at this ***exclusive Yankee event***. Last year we had a record turn out and were able to get all three aircraft polished in record time, and even got some waxing done of painted surfaces. The planes had never looked better. For more details see the web site or call (734) 483-4030. Lunch will be served.

BERNARD (BERNIE) HALLMAN
1922-2007

YAM has lost another treasure. Bernie (the Candy Man) joined the membership staff on October 1, 1984. Since that time, he had a hand in processing nearly every new and renewed YAM membership, and his work continued until shortly before his death.

Bernie (Sr Life 1939 WR) was known by those he worked with for those many years as a caring and dependable guy who loved a good joke. A pillar of the organization, he was always there with a smile and a warm greeting. He will best be remembered, however, by his sense of humor and his ever-present candy supply. None could resist his sweets or spending a few minutes listening to his latest jokes. The Membership office was a favorite place for many to visit and share a few minutes with Bernie. He will be warmly remembered and greatly missed by everyone.

Donations to the Yankee Air Museum in Bernie's memory may be sent to:

Yankee Air Museum Membership Office
P.O. Box 590
Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Editor's note: as editor of HH there was quite a bit of interaction with Bernie and he was truly a great guy to deal with, and I always enjoyed the golf jokes he shared.

Also in Memoriam

Howard Bloom, G 4772 WR	November 10, 2006
Frank Pichner, Sr Life 1285 WR	January 19, 2007

My father, Richard F. Williams, passed away on December 20, 2006. He was a member since 2003, I believe. Member No. G10202 WR He was waist gunner on a B-24 stationed in England - 392nd BG.

Although he was a member for a short time he really enjoyed walking around the planes and the museum.

Thanks for his memories.

Richard Williams [son]

January Yankee Movie Night experiences capacity crowd

More than 100 patrons enjoyed the showing of Twelve O'clock High with General Savage and fellow members of the not-yet-ready-for-prime-time Yankee players. Some late walk-ins, when told there were no seats, said that's okay, they'd stand in the back. Afterward all had a chance to go through the B-17

February Movie Night with Sonny Eliot breaks Yankee movie attendance record

The one and only **Sonny Eliot** packed them onto the Hangar 2 floor for Yankee movie night, with nearly 300 people in attendance. Sonny received a special award from Yankee, and Carol Callan from the FAA presented him with the Wright Award for 50 years of safety in aviation. Sonny was his usual wise cracking self, commenting that it is something to get a 50 year award, when you are only 38 years old. He had a lot of fun and posed for many pictures.

Much praise goes to **Roger Sherman**, head of Marketing for bringing Sonny in and **Jane Spires** and her crew of hardworking volunteers (including "Popcorn" **Bob Richards** for making 50 batches without burning a single kernel) for conducting this very successful event. We'll have a full report next month. See the web site for some of the images this month

Restoration Department News by Lou Farkas

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Speaking of **Bill Rodgers**, he'll have to earn his YAM salary now. The SPAD assembly table is done and in place. The table was done under the direction of **Bob Sloan** who, with the help of **Lee Bassett**, got the frame work done so the "K" boys, **John VanderVen** and **Cliff Kegeler** could attach the top. The table is 49" wide and 16' long and, by the time you read this, should have some of the parts for the SPAD on it since some of the fuselage wood was ordered the first of January.

On to other areas. **Deb Sampson** joined her husband, **Dennis Caldwell,** on the Ranger crew. Seems Deb likes getting her hands dirty. Check out her picture on Koz's site.

Ernie Panizzoli, Pete Morris, Ed McCahil and **Gene Blanchard** are still hard at work on the Allison engine. If any one out there has a construction or parts manual for a 1710 Allison, we'd sure like to be able to make some copies.

The Restoration Department now has a phone, ext. 257. When the phone was installed I did mention the desk was too small. Because of the shower, I couldn't put in a larger desk. **Ken Chapin**'s eyes lit up and, in what seemed like only a few minutes, Ken, Koz and **Russ Possley** had the shower out and into the dumpster. Thanks, guys!

Speaking of thanks -- **Ken Hafer** (Docent) just completed a full set of bulkhead templates for the SPAD. These were done on poster board and will be a big help when the fuselage is started.

A little update on "Glider Joe". **Joe Kosek** and crew have been hard at work at hangar A-8. One wing is ready for covering and the other is not far behind. Stop by and say, "Hi!" and look at the GREAT work Joe and crew (**George Green, Jim Forbes, Bob Kenworthy, Tom Ismond** and **Larry Arnett**) are doing.

Speaking of great work, **Elroy Myers** was up from Toledo to work on the Huey's camel back. Boy, does it look GREAT. Koz has pictures of it on our web site. You go, Elroy!!

Anybody out there interested in military vehicles? If so, give me a call and I'll make sure that you get in touch with **Chris Causley**. He has some pretty cool projects and needs help.

And don't forget, being a member of Yankee Air Museum is fun, being a member of the Restoration Group is "MORE" fun!

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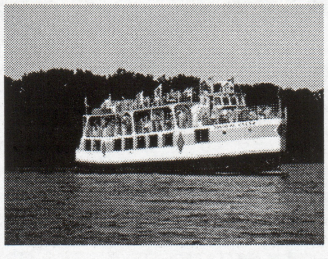

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2007 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

As of January 30, 2007

			Apr	**08**	**Easter**		
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Apr	16	"The Rebirth of the YAM" Groundbreaking		Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Apr	29	Macomb Cultural Center Flyby (44575 Garfield Rd., Clinton Twp., MI — M-59 and Garfield Rd.) (42 37'28.03" N 82 57'18.87" W — Elevation 591 ft.)	14:30	Clinton Twp., MI
B-17!			May	05-06	Michigan Red Cross Benefit Dinner	FLEX	Howell, MI
			May	**13**	**Mother's Day**		
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	May	17-20	DOD / Joint Services Open House	TB	Andrews AFB, MD
B-17!			May	25-28	American Airpower Museum Display	FLEX	Farmingdale, NY
	B-25!	C-47!	**May**	**28**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House	FLEX	Willow Run, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May	28	Dearborn Memorial Day Parade Flyby	10:30	Dearborn, MI
B-17!			May	29-31	Mid Atlantic Air Museum Display	FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun	01-03	WWII Commemorative Weekend	FLEX	Reading, PA
			Jun	**17**	**Father's Day**		
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun	22-24	AuSable Adventure Rally Display	FLEX	Gaylord, MI
B-17?		C-47?	Jun	29-01	MAPS Aero Expo 2007	FLEX	Akron, OH (AKR)
			Jly	**04**	**Fourth of July -** Wednesday		
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly	07-08	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow — BA	FLEX	Willow Run, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly	13-15	Gathering of Eagles Airshow (LNN)	FLEX	Willoughby, OH
B-17?			Jly	19	Eighth Air Force Reunion	FLEX	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly	20-22	Selfridge ANGB Airshow		Mt. Clemens, MI
B-17!	B-25!		Jly	26-29	EAA AirVenture 2007		Oshkosh, WI
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Aug	03-05	Southern Wisconsin AirFEST	FLEX	Janesville, WI
B-17!			Aug	10-12	Greater New England Airshow - Westover ARB		Chicopee, MA
	B-25?	C-47?	Aug	12	Pontiac Airport Open House	FLEX	Waterford, MI
B-17!			Aug	17-19	Air Expo 2007 - Wings / North	FLEX	Eden Prairie, MN
	B-25!		Aug	17-19	Mason Avaiton Days — EAA Chapter 55	FLEX	Mason, MI
B-17!			Aug	24-26	Indianapolis Airshow 2007	FLEX	Mt. Comfort, IN
	B-25!		Aug	24-26	Gratiot Community Airshow — AMN	FLEX	Alma, MI
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Aug	31-02	Morris Airport Open House / Display	FLEX	Morris, IL
			Sep	**03**	**Labor Day**		
B-17?		C-47?	Sep	14-16	Aviation Hall of Fame / Display	FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
B-17?	B-25?		Sep	27-30	Gathering of Mustangs and Legends Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun — Rickenbacher International Airport	FLEX	Columbus, OH

! = YAF Participation Confirmed **?** = YAF Participation **not** Confirmed — Awaiting Signed Contract
BA = US Navy Blue Angels Jet Demonstration Team TB = USAF Thunderbirds Jet Demonstration Team
FLEX = Flight Experiences (rides) To Be Sold in YAF B-17 and/or B-25

To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available, depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everybody can go at the same time.

The ***2006 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Completed request forms must be returned to **Dale Worcester**. Please do not request an airshow that has not yet been confirmed (**!** = confirmed) as indicated in the latest schedule above. **Check the website for the most recent information. Updated versions of this schedule and the C-47 Excursion schedule will be posted on the website but the C-47 schedule will printed only once again in April. Save this page if you don't have web access, or call Neoma or Jack, (734) 546-8002 or (734) 483-4030 for C-47 excursion information**

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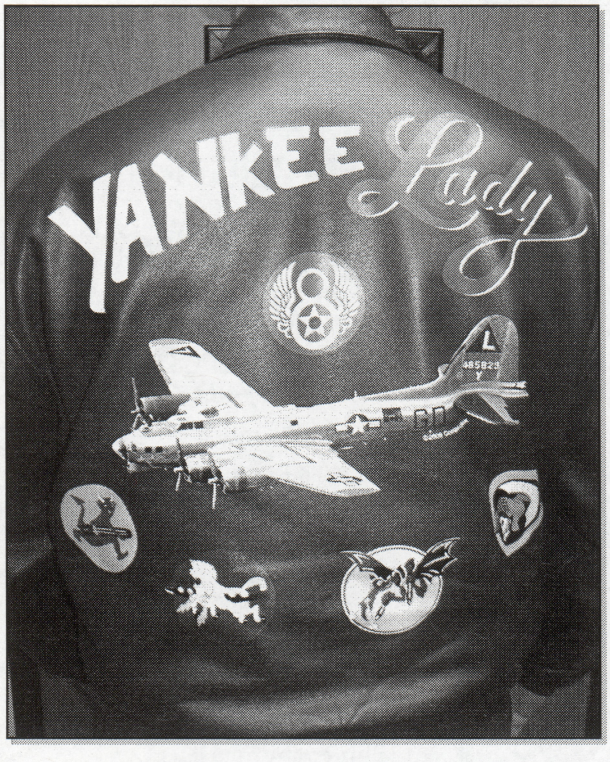

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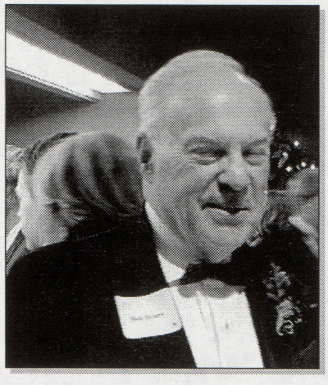

The affable Bob Hynes is the Yankee PR Director and a licensed pilot. He is in contact with print, radio and TV media to help get the word out about Yankee Air Museum and events. Bob sends out press releases and asks that you contact him with any news about Yankee events so he can make sure they are promoted as far and wide as possible.

Also, if you hear about something questionable with regards to the Museum, he asks that you check with him first to ascertain that it is fact or fiction before telling others. If he doesn't know about it, he'll look into it right away and get back to you with the correct information.

Contact Bob via email at bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for him to call you back, or even just leave a note in his director's mail box.

Ad space in HH

If your business would be interested in purchasing ad space in **Hangar Happenings**, please contact **Dave Steiner** via email at dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call the Museum (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for him to call you.

HH is mailed all around the world, so your message will reach the far corners of the globe. Most YAF members are in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, so you will also be reaching a local base and helping out the Museum.

These ads help offset the printing and mailing costs for HH.

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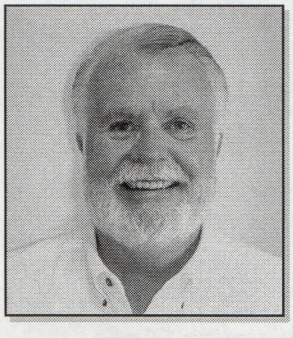

Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Don will match a volunteer to the job!

Event captains needed for *your* Yankee events

(heck, we'll call you general if you wish)

Long Range Planning Committee is always in need of event captains/ generals/facilitators. So don't be bashful about volunteering to help out at ***your*** museum. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Don Brackett (left) and he'll hook you up with a Yankee project.

ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Want to know when the Yankee web site has been changed? Go to this site and register for FREE, **www.changedetection.com**. You will be emailed when the Yankee site is changed. Easy to do. Tell your friends!

MARCH

Saturday 17th — Movie Night - ***The High and the Mighty***, starring John Wayne, event captain is **Jane Spires**. Special 4pm matinee showing.

Saturday 31st — 12th Annual Yankee Air Museum **Polishing Party.** Doors open 9 am Bring a can of Mothers Mag & Aluminum polish and clean, soft rags FREE and open to the public. 50/50 raffle. Lunch served

APRIL

Monday 16th — The Rebirth of the Yankee Air Museum

"The official, public groundbreaking "The Rebirth of the Yankee Air Museum" will take place on Monday, April 16, mid-afternoon at the new museum campus complex off Beck Road at Willow Run Airport. This will be a major event with loads of media, TV, public officials and celebrities. Part of that program is the flight of all three (or four) Yankee planes."

Saturday 28th — Yankee Italian Bistro Night - Good food, wine, door prizes and more, see flyer on back page

MAY

Monday 28th — **Annual Memorial Day Observance, Pancake Breakfast & BLOOD DRIVE** In the Airpark. This year you will be served pancakes in 20 minutes or less or your name will be placed in a drawing for a ride in the B-25*!* Near the old Hangar site; come out, start the summer and commemorate the day with Yankee Air Museum. This year will be our inaugural blood drive set up in conjunction with the Red Cross. We need at least 25 donors, so please sign up. Contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com or Mary Jane Medlock mjmedlock@yankeeairmuseum.org

If you missed the Jan 3rd General Membership meeting or would like to see an encore performance of the presentation about the MiG-21 ride, please send an email to Hangar Happenings, **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org** or call the Hangar and leave a message on ext 247. Given sufficient response the program will be presented again including some video not shown in January

Remember to go to the Yankee web site and click on Members Photo Gallery to see color pictures of all the pictures in this issue and more! There is also a What's Happenin' at the Hangar folder with color pictures of what's going on at Yankee Hangar 2

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030**. WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**.

Volunteers needed for ToM 2007

All sorts of volunteers are needed for the show to make it a success. Here are four groups that need help if you are looking for something to do. Contact **Dave Steiner** dsteiner@blackmoreco.com for more information or to get scheduled.

A-Team: maybe the most important group at the air show, they'll take money and tickets at the gate and make sure patrons get into the airfield as expeditiously as possible. You'll work in two person teams, 3-4 hour shifts, morning or afternoon. We'll need a lot of dedicated A-Team members this year. You'll be briefed on "the system" that makes the job go pretty easily.

Cardboard Crew: the vendors loved this group last year as they eliminated the need for vendors to deal with empty cardboard boxes. The crew flattened boxes for pickup and recycling at the end of the day, reducing the waste stream. These folks roam the ramp and help out the Grunts as needed.

Garbage Grunts: ask any Grunt, they'll tell you it is the best job at the air show. They roam the ramp keeping it clean and tidy, and they received many compliments from air show patrons last year. Grunts are also very accessible to the crowd and often act as an information resource for attendees. Grunts are the mortal enemies of FOD (foreign objects & debris). At the end of the day when the patrons and aircrews leave, it is just the Grunts, the airplanes and the garbage. Grunts say it is a religious experience to be out on the ramp without anyone else around. If you are lucky, you might get to work with 77 year old Grunt Super-Star **Dave Mente** - if you think you can keep up with him. You'll not find more dedicated or hardworking Grunts than Co Captains **Russ Possley** and **John Dusbiber**. The air show isn't over, until the Grunts say it is over and leave the ramp at the end of the day. The few, the proud, the Grunts!

F-Troop: will flag cars to parking areas, not sure how many of these folks we'll need this year, and they will be working with Roger and his model rocketeers from Jackson to handle the large volume of cars this year.

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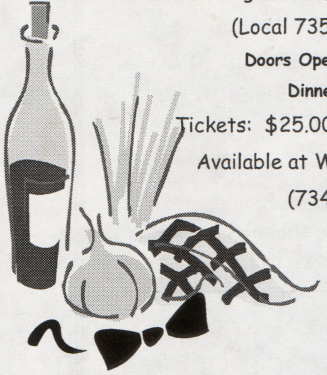

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